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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 2072

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SUBJ: HUSSEIN KOUKILCASE

REF: (A) STATE 69850 (B) MEMCON ABDERRAHMAN JILA/MURRAY,
DTD 3/11/78 NOTAL, (C) MEMCON BEN REDJEB/MURRAY,
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1. STATUS CASE REMAINS ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED TUNIS 1610.
INTERVIEW BY PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA/BRITISH JOURNALIST
PRODUCED LITTLE BEYOND THAT WHICH REPORTED EARLIER.
JOURNALIST FOLLOW-UP INHIBITED BY PRESENCE MANY ACCOMPANYING
BRITISH, TUNSIAN BUSINESSMEN.

2. MARCH 9 EDITION ER-RAI PUBLISHED FOLLOWING ARTICLE
(IN ENTIRETY):
QUOTE REGARDING THE DEATH OF HUSSEIN KOUKI: AN IMPORTANT
NUMBER OF BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES EMPLOYEES REQUEST
THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE REGARDING THE DEATH OF THEIR
COLLEAGUE, THE LATE HUSSEIN KOUKI, EMPLOYEE OF THE
"ITTIHAD INSURANCE COMPANFQP AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND BANKS REGIONAL
UNION, WHO WAS ARRESTED ON JANUARY 26. UNQUOTE.
EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT ITTIHAD INSURANCE COMPANY,
IS A WHOLLY-OWNED OR CONTROLLED SUBSIDIARY OF THE
UNION GENERALE TUNISIEN DU TRAVAIL QXUGTT).
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3. REF B (POUCHED 3-21-78) INCLUDED DISCUSSION THIS CASE.
ZHILA, A DEFENSE LAWYER OF NATIONAL REPUTATION, RRQUESTED
TO INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES KOUKI'S DEATH. HE MAY REQUEST
ANS INQUEST BE OPENED AND THAT BODY BE EXHUMED FOR
INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY. REF C (POUCHED 3-21-78) DESCRIBES
REACTION BEN REDJEB (CHIEF AMERICAN DIVISION,

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MOFA) TO KOUKI CASE.

4. ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON DEATH HUSSEIN KOUKI OFTEN ALLEGES TO EMBOFF THAT TWO OTHER UGTT OFFICERS FROM SOUSSE AREA MET SIMILAR FATES UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. SOURCE UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO DISCOVER NAMES OF THESE TWO ADDITIONAL ALLEGED VICTIMS. HE BELIEVES FAMILITES ARE "BOUND TO SILENCE" BUT THAT IDENTITIES WILL SURFACE EVENTUALLY. MULCAHY

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